

SATURDAY, October 12, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Edmondson, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. T. Smyth, Mr. T. Ringgold, Mr. Paca, and Mr. W. Ringgold, have leave of absence for a few days.

The Convention appointed Edward Cockey colonel, Joshua Stevenson lieutenant-colonel, Micajah Merriam first major, Stephen Cromwell second major, and John Robert Hollyday quarter-master, of the Gunpowder upper battalion of militia in Baltimore county.

Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Hughs have leave of absence for a few days.

On motion of Mr. J. Hall, RESOLVED, That the several companies of the flying camp that have been raised under the resolve of Convention for raising two additional battalions, be distributed into the four battalions for the flying camp heretofore raised, in such manner as the commissioners appointed to repair to camp and attend the new enlistment may think proper.

On reading a letter from the reverend John Scott, to the president, RESOLVED, That on the said reverend John Scott's giving bond, with two or more good and sufficient securities, in the penalty of one thousand pounds sterling, payable to the president of the Council of Safety for the time being, conditioned that he will not go on the eastern shore in Maryland or Virginia, and that he will not correspond upon public matters with any person whatsoever, the said John Scott be permitted to reside in any part of the western shore of Virginia, or in Frederick county in this state, and that on his giving such bond, and the same being approved by this Convention or the Council of Safety, his bond dated the twenty-ninth day of August last shall be void, as to any matter or thing thereafter to be done by the said John Scott; and that for the purpose of giving such new bond the said John Scott be permitted to come to Annapolis.

Mr. Bowie has leave of absence till Tuesday next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

Convention met.

Mr. Sheredine brings in and delivers to Mr. President, a report from the committee appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts set forth in the petition of the present and late sheriffs of Frederick county, which was read and concurred with, and thereupon RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the inhabitants of Frederick county to pay their public levies without delay.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the declaration of rights and form of government for this state being read, RESOLVED, That this Convention will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider of the same.

Convention adjourns till Monday Morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, October 14, 1776.

CONVENTION met. All members present as on Saturday, except Mr. Bowie, Mr. Paca, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. T. Ringgold, Mr. W. Ringgold, Mr. T. Smyth, Mr. Edmondson, and Mr. Chamberlaine. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

On motion of Mr. Parnham, RESOLVED, That this Convention will enter on no new business (except from evident necessity) until they have finished the consideration of the declaration of rights and form of government.

On motion of Mr. Parnham, the question was put, that for the expediting the bill of rights and form of government the house shall sit, while that business is transacting, every evening, till 8 o'clock. Resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs  
Fenwick,  
Jordan,  
Hooe,  
Dent,  
Parnham,

Sprigg,  
Marbury,  
J. Wilson,  
Bayly,  
Williams,

Fischer,  
Sheredine,  
Edelen,  
Schriver,  
Beall,

Hughs,  
Stull,  
Deye,  
Stevenson,  
J. Smith,

J. T. Chase,  
H. Wilson,  
Love,  
Archer,  
Gilpin,

Ewing,  
D. Smith,  
Brevard,  
Murray,

John Ennalls,  
Jof. Ennalls,  
Dickinson,  
Horsey.

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